

### **SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT**

Please amend the specification on page 1, lines 3-5 as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/415,796, filed on October 11, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,413,780 which case is a conversion of provisional patent application, serial number 60/104,191, filed on October 14, 1998.

Please insert the following paragraph in the specification on page 2, line 9, under "Summary" as follows:

The method according to the present invention comprises performing a determination of an item of interest in a sample. The item of interest can be an analyte or parts of biological entities as defined below. Determining the item of interest can be by detecting the analyte or parts of the biological entities in the sample and using steps necessary in order to deduce what the item of interest comprises.

Please amend the specification on page 2, lines 10-27 as follows:

One embodiment described herein provides a method of performing a determination of an item of interest in a sample using a single structure. A sample is provided accessible to the single structure. A first container for processing the sample is placed in a first process path on the single structure. The sample is transferred from outside the first container to inside the first container in the first process path. A reagent is added to the first container in the first process path. Contents of the first container ~~is~~ are mixed in the first process path. The item of interest in the sample is separated from the contents of the first container in the first process path. The separated item of interest in the sample is transferred from the first container in the first process path to a second container in a second process path on the single structure. Contents of the

second container ~~is~~ are brought to a first temperature different from a temperature of the first process path in the second process path. The item of interest in the second container is detected in the second process path.